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SUBJECT: 64TH ECOSOC--SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

1. THE DEPT WILL RECALL THAT AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN JANUARY THE COUNCIL DECIDED TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF RESOLUTION 2079(LXII) OF 13 MAY 1977 ON REINFORCING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT SECTOR WITHIN THE UN. THIS RESOLUTION WAS THE RESULT OF A JOINT US/ NETHERLANDS INITIATIVE AT THE COMMISSION FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT IN JANUARY 1977 AND CALLS FOR APPOINTMENT OF AN AD HOC GROUP OF EXPERTS TO STUDY VARIOUS ASPECTS AND PROBLEMS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UN SYSTEM.
2. RESOLUTION 2079 WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS BUT THE G-77 SUBSEQUENTLY DECIDED TO STALL ON THE APPOINTMENT OF THE WORKING GROUP. AT THE SPRING SESSION LAST YEAR THE YUGOSLAV DELEGATION INTRODUCED CHANGES IN THE RESOLUTION TO MEET THEIR CONCERNS THAT THE WORK OF THE AD HOC GROUP WOULD PREJUDGE THE RESULTS OF THE GA DISCUSSION OF THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY. AT THE ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION IN JANUARY THE G-77 PUT FORWARD THE ARGUMENT THAT THE WORK OF THE GROUP WOULD

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INTERFERE WITH THE RESTRUCTURING EXERCISE AND APPOINTMENT OF THE GROUP WAS THEREFORE DEFERRED.

3. AT THIS SESSION OF ECOSOC THE NETHERLANDS DELEGATION AND USDEL AGAIN PUSHED FOR ESTABLISHMENT OF THE GROUP. THE G-77 AGAIN RESISTED ANY ACTION WITH RESPECT TO THE WORKING GROUP. THE PRINCIPAL OPPONENTS

APPEAR TO BE YUGOSLAVIA WHICH CONTENDS TO BE CONCERNED ABOUT THE IDS AND ARGENTINA WHICH VIEWS THE WORKING GROUP AS AN ATTEMPT BY THE US TO PROMOTE ITS BASIC HUMAN NEEDS POLICY THROUGH THE BACK DOOR. THE G-77, HOWEVER, UNDER THE LEADERSHIP OF JAMAICA, PUT FORWARD A PROPOSAL WHICH BOTH THE US AND NETHERLANDS VIEWED AS A CONSTRUCTIVE AND WORTHWHILE STEP. THE PROPOSAL CALLS FOR STUDIES BY THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM AND COORDINATION, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION AND THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING. THESE STUDIES WILL BE CONSIDERED BY THE GA AT ITS 33D SESSION. THE TEXT OF THE RESOLUTION WHICH WAS ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS FOLLOWS AS THE LAST PARA.

4. COMMENT. ALTHOUGH THE WORKING GROUP AS NOT YET BEEN ESTABLISHED, WE BELIEVE THAT THE ACTION JUST TAKEN IS AN IMPORTANT STEP IN ACTIVATING THE UN SYSTEM TO TAKE SOME POSITIVE ACTION TOWARDS IMPROVING THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND FOCUSING ATTENTION ON SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT QUESTIONS. IN ORDER TO PREPARE FOR THE MEETINGS OF THE CPC AND THE ACC WE SUGGEST THAT DEPT GIVE CLOSE ATTENTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE TO FORMULATING IDEAS ON ORGANIZATION OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UN SECRETARIAT AND THE QUESTION OF COORDINATION OF SOCIAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES IN THE UN SYSTEM.

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5. TEXT FOLLOWS.

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL,

RECALLING THE DECLARATION AND PROGRAMME OF ACTION ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NEW INTERNATIONAL ECONOMIC ORDER CONTAINED IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS 320L(S-VI) AND 3202(S-VI) OF 1 MAY 1974,

RECALLING ALSO ITS RESOLUTION 2079(LXII) OF 13 MAY 1977,

RECALLING FURTHER ITS DECISIONS 273(LXIII) AND 1978/1,

1. REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAMME AND COORDINATION, AT ITS EIGHTEENTH SESSION, IN EVALUATING THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND HUMANITARIAN PROGRAMME OF THE UNITED NATIONS, TO STUDY THE EFFECTIVENESS OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES AND REPORT THEREON TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, THROUGH

THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, BEARING IN MIND PARTICULARLY THE NEED TO COORDINATE BETTER THE SOCIAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS;

2. ALSO REQUESTS, IN THIS CONTEXT, THE ADMINISTRATIVE COMMITTEE ON COORDINATION TO RECOMMEND

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FOR THE CONSIDERATION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, MEASURES FOR ACHIEVING BETTER COORDINATION BETWEEN SOCIAL AND OTHER DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WITHIN THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM;

3. FURTHER REQUESTS THE COMMITTEE FOR DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, IN ELABORATING RECOMMENDATIONS ON PREPARATIONS FOR THE NEW INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, TO PAY PARTICULAR ATTENTION, INTER ALIA, TO THE SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT INPUT, TAKING FULLY INTO ACCOUNT THE RELEVANT POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY;

4. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT CONSIDER AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION, THE REPORTS REQUESTED ABOVE IN A CONSOLIDATED MANNER;

5. DECIDES TO REVIEW, AT ITS ORGANIZATIONAL SESSION FOR 1979, THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE AD HOC WORKING GROUP TO BE ESTABLISHED UNDER ITS RESOLUTION 2079(LXII), IN LIGHT OF THE CONCLUSIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY ON THIS MATTER AT ITS THIRTY-THIRD SESSION AND

IN LIGHT OF RELEVANT DECISIONS ON A NEW INTERNATIONAL
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DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY, WITH A VIEW TO CONSIDERING THE
REPORT OF THE WORKING GROUP IN 1979. YOUNG

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